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SUBJ: TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT: AGREED ARRANGEMENTS

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1. MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
ASULA CONFIRMED TO MSA COUNSELOR GARDNER ON APRIL 12
GOT ACCEPTANCE OF MOST OF U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM PROPOSALS
FOR PREPARING DCA "AGREED ARRANGEMENTS" (REFTEL). ASULA
ASKED, HOWEVER, THAT EACH SIDE PREPARE CERTAIN DRAFTS INDEPENDENTLY
TO BE EXCHANGED INFORMALLY AT THE GARDNER/ASULA LEVEL.
GARDNER AND ASULA WOULD THEN OBTAIN COMMENTS AND/OR APPROVAL OF THEIR
RESPECTIVE MILITARY AUTHORITIES. AS IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS, ASULA
IMPLIED THAT DIRECT PARTICIPATION OF TGS REPRESENTATIVES IN FORMAL
NEGOTIATING SESSIONS WOULD IMPEDE RATHER THAN FACILITATE PROGRESS.

(COMMENT: JUSMMAT AND NSA OFFICIALS WILL, OF
COURSE, BE PRIMARY DRAFTERS OF U.S. PROPOSALS. U.S. DRAFTS
OF MISSION AND PURPOSE, COMMAND RELATIONSHIP, AND INTELLIGENCE
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SHARING AND REQUIREMENTS WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON

FOR APPROVAL BEFORE SUBMISSION TO ASULA.) ASULA ASKED THAT U.S. TEAM ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARING ALL FIRST DRAFTS EXCEPT THOSE ON JOINT USE ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH GOT WOULD UNDERTAKE AND MUTUAL INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS, FOR WHICH EACH SIDE WOULD PREPARE ITS OWN LIST.

2. THE ONE ASPECT OF THE U.S. TEAM PROPOSAL FOR WHICH ASULA INDICATED HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS) APPROVAL WAS POSTPONEMENT OF DRAFTING AGREEMENT ON THE RELATIONSHIP AND PROCEDURES FOR CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE INSTALLATION COMMANDER AND U.S. SENIOR OFFICER. ASULA STATED THAT HE PERSONALLY AGREED WITH THE RATIONALE BEHIND DELAYING THIS PORTION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL AFTER RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS AT THE INSTALLATIONS, BUT THAT SOME GENERAL PROCEDURES SHOULD BE AGREED UPON PRIOR TO THAT TIME. WHEN GARDNER REMINDED ASULA THAT GENERAL GUIDELINES WERE CONTAINED IN THE AGREEMENT ITSELF, ASULA INDICATED TGS INSISTED ON SOMETHING BEYOND WHAT WAS IN THE AGREEMENT AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS MIGHT BE EVEN MORE GENERAL THAN THE LANGUAGE OF NEW DCA ARTICLES IV AND V.

3. ASULA STILL HAD NOT OBTAINED TGS COMMENTS ON THE DRAFTS OF JOINT COMMUNICATIONS USE AND ACCESS TO THE INSTALLATIONS ALREADY PRESENTED BY THE U.S. TEAM. HE DID INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOT WANTED MORE DETAIL ON THE PURPOSE AND MISSION OF THE INSTALLATIONS THAN WAS CONTAINED IN THE INITIAL U.S. PROPOSALS. FOR EXAMPLE HE SAID THAT SPECIFIC INTELLIGENCE TARGETS SHOULD BE ENUMERATED IN THE PURPOSE AND MISSION SECTIONS AS WAS THE CASE WITH ANNEXES TO THE 1962 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. (HE ASSURED GARDNER THAT THE GOT WOULD CLASSIFY THEM AS TOP SECRET).

4. WE BELIEVE ASULA'S SUGGESTIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE AS A GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATING "AGREED ARRANGEMENTS" BUT, OF COURSE, THE TEST WILL COME WHEN WE SEE GOT DRAFTS AND ITS REACTIONS TO OUR OWN.
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